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### DECISION MEMO ACTIONS OF A SPECIAL NATURE

Sanitary Sewer Investigation and Assessment  
Spring 2022  
Town of Fairview  
Minor Maintenance and Investigation  
Fairview, MT  
Richland County

#### PURPOSE AND NEED

A sanitary sewer Preliminary Engineering Report was completed in February of 2015 that discussed the need for additional investigation of the collection system due to the presence of infiltration and inflow (I&I). The sewer collection system has a vast amount of vitrified clay pipe and has not undergone a major renovation since 1985, which focused primarily on the addition of two (2) new lagoons and not any improvements to the collection system.

The existing vitrified clay pipe sewer mains are beginning to deteriorate, which has led to infiltration and inflow that were noted during the assessment of the treatment facilities in 2014-2015. There are also locations of sewer mains that need immediate replacement due to the inadequate slope that require maintenance beyond normal measures to eliminate sewer main backups. Aside from minimal slopes noted in these locations, the full extent of the problem has yet to be determined to verify if these are isolated incidents or if the problem extends to or is caused by adjacent sewer mains.

The existing sewer mains will be cleaned, televised, assessed, and prioritized for rehabilitation. The investigation will also verify the current slopes of the existing system to locate sections of the inadequate slope, locate areas of concern that may be contributing to infiltration and inflow noted during televising, and prioritize projects for future rehabilitation as funds become available.

#### **Explanation of the decision(s) that must be made regarding the proposed action (i.e. approve grant or loan and provide funding):**

DNRC will approve the loan to provide funding for the Town of Fairview Sanitary Sewer Investigation and Assessment project.

DNRC is not required to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for actions that qualify for a CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (ARM 36.17.614) or justified by a PROGRAMMATIC REVIEW; or are ACTIONS OF A SPECIAL NATURE (ARM 36.2.523(5)); or are EMERGENCIES (ARM 36.2.539). These actions are subject to review for EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES that would require an EA or an EIS.

**ACTIONS OF SPECIAL NATURE (ARM 36.2.523)**

☐ Administrative actions: routine, clerical or similar functions of a department, including but not limited to administrative procurement, contracts for consulting services, and personnel actions.

☒ Minor repairs, operations, or maintenance of existing equipment or facilities.

☒ Investigation and enforcement: data collection, inspection of facilities or enforcement of environmental standards.

☐ Ministerial actions: actions in which the agency exercises no discretion, but rather acts upon a given state of facts in a prescribed manner.

☐ Actions that are primarily social or economic in nature and that do not otherwise affect the human environment.

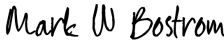
**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION/PROGRAMMATIC REVIEW**

☐ Categorical Exclusion (CE) refers to a type of action which does not individually, collectively, or cumulatively require an EA or EIS, as determined by rulemaking or programmatic review adopted by the agency, unless extraordinary circumstances, as defined by rulemaking or programmatic review, occur. This project qualifies under ARM 36.17.614 CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS.

☐ Programmatic review means an analysis (EIS or EA) of the impacts on the quality of the human environment of related actions, programs, or policies. DNRC – CARDD does not have any programmatic reviews completed at the time of this template.

The project listed above meets the definition of Actions of a Special Nature, Categorical Exclusion or Programmatic Review including specified conditions and Extraordinary Circumstances.

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EXST. SANITARY SEWER MAIN (VARIOUS SIZES)

EXST. SANITARY SEWER MANHOLE

EXST. SANITARY SEWER LAMPHOLE

EXST. SANITARY SEWER LIFT STATION

SEWER INVESTIGATION AREA

The map displays a grid of streets in Fairview, Montana. The sewer investigation area is highlighted in yellow. Streets shown include Grand Avenue, Pleasant Avenue, Western Avenue, Central Avenue, Ellery Avenue, Montana Avenue, Interstate Avenue, 2nd Street, 3rd Street, 4th Street, 5th Street, 6th Street, 7th Street, 8th Street, 9th Street, 10th Street, 11th Street, and 12th Street. Highway 201 and Highway 200 are also indicated. The BNSF Railroad tracks run along the right side of the map. Manhole numbers are marked along the sewer lines. A legend in the top left corner defines the symbols used. A north arrow and a horizontal scale bar (0 to 600 feet) are located in the top right corner.

A north arrow pointing upwards and a horizontal scale bar indicating distances of 0, 300, and 600 feet.

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FAIRVIEW SEWER INVESTIGATION

TOWN OF FAIRVIEW

RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA

OVERVIEW EXHIBIT

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